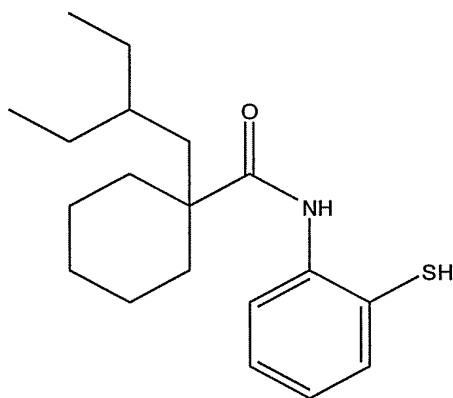


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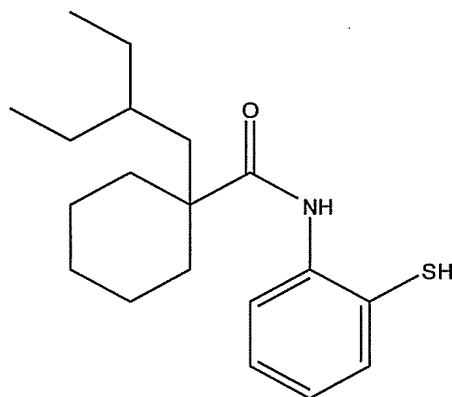
This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1.-18. (Canceled)

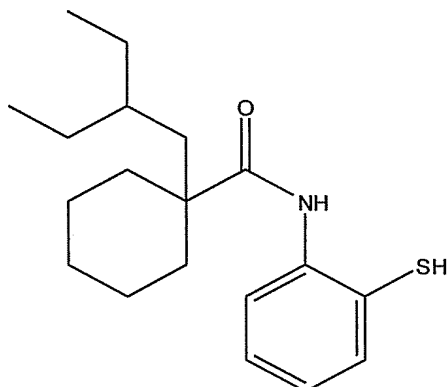
19. (Previously Presented) A compound selected from the group consisting of (a)



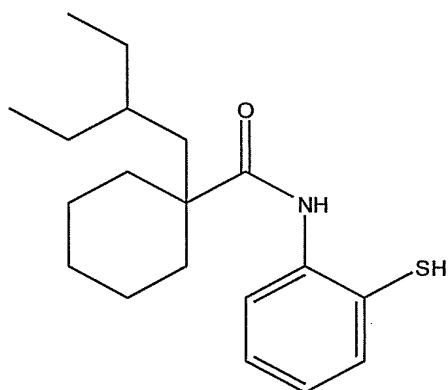
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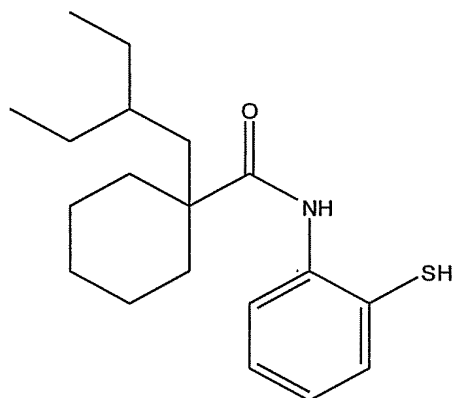
20. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 19, wherein the compound is



21. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising (i) a compound selected from the group consisting of (a)

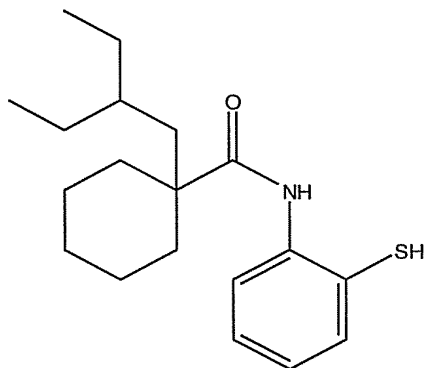


and (b) pharmaceutically acceptable salts of



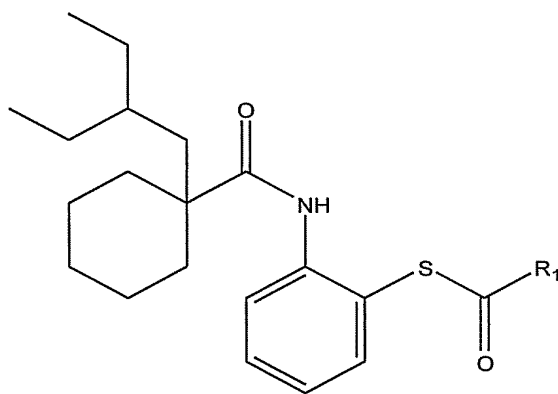
and (ii) a pharmacologically acceptable carrier.

22. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 21, wherein the compound is



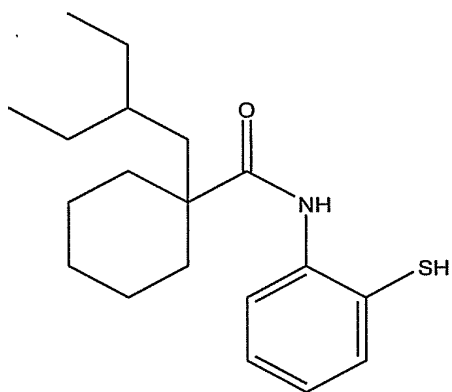
23.-34. (Canceled)

35. (Previously Presented) A method of preparing a compound of formula (1)



(1)

wherein R<sub>1</sub> is C<sub>1-10</sub> alkyl, wherein the method comprises reacting



with an acid halide of formula (2)

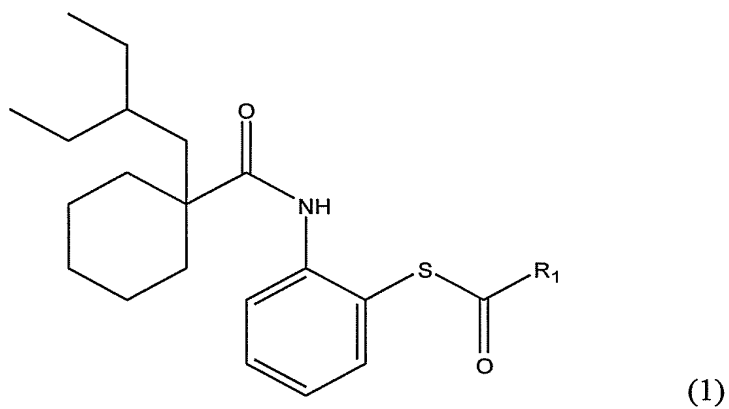


in the presence of a base, wherein  $R_1$  is as described above and  $X$  is Cl, Br, or I.

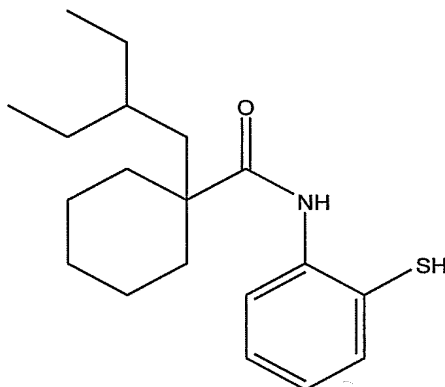
36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the reaction is conducted in the presence of an organic solvent, water, or a mixture thereof.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, wherein  $R_1$  is  $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ .

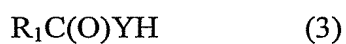
38. (Previously Presented) A method of preparing a compound of formula (1)



wherein  $R_1$  is  $C_{1-10}$  alkyl, wherein the method comprises reacting



with an organic acid of formula (3)



in the presence of a coupling agent, wherein  $R_1$  is as described above and Y is O or S.

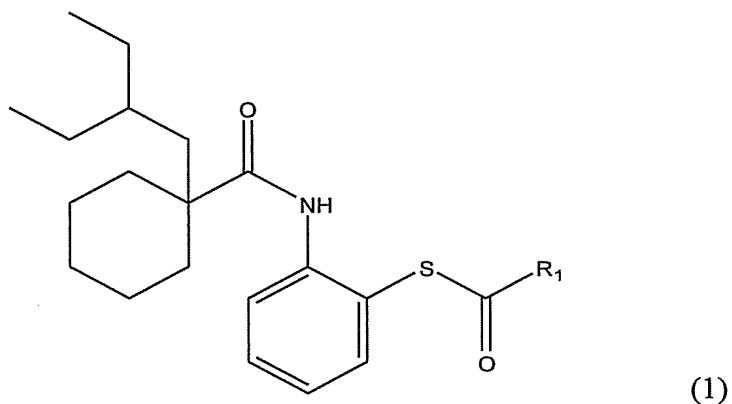
39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the reaction is conducted in the presence of an activating agent.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the reaction is conducted in the presence of an organic solvent.

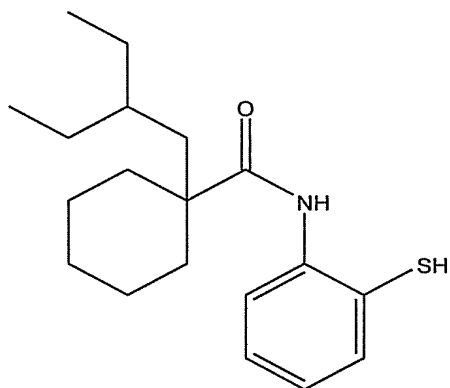
41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the reaction is conducted in the presence of a base.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, wherein  $R_1$  is  $-\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ .

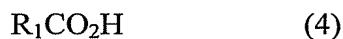
43. (Previously Presented) A method of preparing a compound of formula (1)



wherein  $R_1$  is  $C_{1-10}$  alkyl, wherein the method comprises reacting



with a carboxylic acid of formula (4)



in the presence of a base and ethyl chlorocarbonate, wherein  $R_1$  is as described above.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43, wherein the reaction is conducted in the presence of an organic solvent.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43, wherein  $R_1$  is  $-CH(CH_3)_2$ .